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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-32. (Cancelled)

- 33. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a product obtained from a process for obtaining a pharmacologically active composition from a culture of *A. camphorate* Antrodia camphorata, the process comprising:
- (a) <u>preparing a first culture by</u> inoculating a mycelial inoculum of an isolate of

 A. camphorate Antrodia camphorata into a <u>liquid</u> medium suitable for growth of said isolate;
 - (b) cultivating the <u>first</u> culture resulting from step (a);
- (c) <u>harvesting a pharmacologically active solution by</u> removing a major portion of insoluble substances from the culture <u>of step (b)</u>; whereby a pharmacologically active solution is harvested; and
- (d) <u>processing subjecting</u> the solution from step (c) <u>to selective separation based on molecular weight</u>, so as to obtain <u>such that</u> a pharmacologically active composition containing fungal molecules having molecular weights of no more than about 10kDa is obtained.
- 34. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a product obtained from a process for obtaining a pharmacologically active composition from a culture of *A. camphorate* Antrodia camphorata, the process comprising:
- (a) <u>preparing a first culture by</u> inoculating a mycelial inoculum of an isolate of

 A. camphorate Antrodia camphorata into a <u>liquid</u> medium suitable for growth of said isolate;
 - (b) cultivating the <u>first</u> culture resulting from step (a);

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(c) <u>harvesting a pharmacologically active solution by</u> removing a major portion of insoluble substances from the culture <u>of step (b)</u>; whereby a pharmacologically active solution is harvested; and

- (d) processing subjecting the solution from step (c) to selective separation based on molecular weight, so as to obtain such that a pharmacologically active composition containing fungal molecules having molecular weights of no more than about 1kDa is obtained; and
- (e) passing subjecting the fraction obtained from step (d) to chromatographic separation based on polarity, through a water immiscible phase from which the such that a pharmacologically active composition containing fungus-produced hydrophobic compounds of a molecular weight less than or equal to 1 kDa is obtained.
- 35. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 34, wherein the process further comprises performing a reverse-phase partition chromatography on the composition from step (e) to obtain pharmacologically active fractions.

36-40. (Cancelled)

- 41. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 33, wherein the isolate of *Antrodia camphorata* is selected from CCRC 930032, CCRC 35396, CCRC 35398, CCRC 35716, CCRC 36401, and CCRC 36795.
- 42. (New) The pharamaceutical composition of claim 33, wherein step (b) includes the following sub-steps:
- (i) subjecting the first culture obtained in step (a) to a first stage of agitation which is set at a first predetermined rate and for a first period of time to allow growth of the inoculated isolate, such that a second culture with proliferated mycelia is obtained; and
- (ii) subjecting the second culture obtained from step (i) to a second stage of agitation which is set at a second predetermined rate higher than the first predetermined rate, so that the isolate grown in the second culture is cultivated under physiological stress.

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43. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 42, wherein sub-steps (i) and (ii), the first and second subculture are cultivated at a pH value between 4.5 to 5.4.

- 44. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 42, wherein sub-steps (i) and (ii), the first and second subculture are cultivated at a pH value between 4.6 to 5.3.
- 45. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 42, wherein sub-steps (i) and (ii), the first and second subculture are cultivated at a pH value between 4.7 to 5.2.
- 46. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 33, wherein the liquid medium used in step (a) is potato dextrose broth.
- 47. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 33, wherein the liquid medium used in step (a) is a synthetic medium containing fructose as a major carbon source.
- 48. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 34, wherein the chromatographic step (e) is conducted by passing the fraction obtained from step (d) through a stationary water-immiscible phase containing an effective amount of an absorbent capable of selectively adsorbing hydrophobic fungus-produced compounds, and the pharmacologically active composition is obtained by elution of the hydrophobic fungus-produced molecules adsorbed to the stationary phase with an organic solvent.
- 49. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 48, wherein the stationary water-immiscible phase comprises Amberlite® XAD-4 resin as the absorbent.
- 50. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 49, wherein the organic solvent has a polarity lower than water.
- 51. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 50, wherein the organic solvent has a polarity lower than methanol.

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52. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 51, wherein the organic solvent is ethyl acetate or ethanol.

- 53. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 34, wherein the isolate of *Antrodia camphorata* is selected from CCRC 930032, CCRC 35396, CCRC 35398, CCRC 35716, CCRC 36401, and CCRC 36795.
- 54. (New) The pharamaceutical composition of claim 34, wherein step (b) includes the following sub-steps:
- (i) subjecting the first culture obtained in step (a) to a first stage of agitation which is set at a first predetermined rate and for a first period of time to allow growth of the inoculated isolate, such that a second culture with proliferated mycelia is obtained; and
- (ii) subjecting the second culture obtained from step (i) to a second stage of agitation which is set at a second predetermined rate higher than the first predetermined rate, so that the isolate grown in the second culture is cultivated under physiological stress.
- 55. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 54, wherein sub-steps (i) and (ii), the first and second subculture are cultivated at a pH value between 4.5 to 5.4.
- 56. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 54, wherein sub-steps (i) and (ii), the first and second subculture are cultivated at a pH value between 4.6 to 5.3.
- 57. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 54, wherein sub-steps (i) and (ii), the first and second subculture are cultivated at a pH value between 4.7 to 5.2.
- 58. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 34, wherein the liquid medium used in step (a) is potato dextrose broth.
- 59. (New) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 34, wherein the liquid medium used in step (a) is a synthetic medium containing fructose as a major carbon source.